transferred as Chief Justice of the Sikkim High Court *vide* Notification, dated 22-8-1983.

5. Justice Padmanabhan Subramanian Poti, Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court transferred as Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court *vide* Notification, dated 24-8-1983.

6. Justice Pradyat Kumar Banerjee, Judge of the Calcutta High Court appointed as Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court *vide* Notification, dated 20-10-83.

7. Justice Satish Chandra, Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court transferred as Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court *vide* Notification, dated 14-11-1983.

8. Justice Surjit Singh Sandhawalia, Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court transferred as Chief Justice of the Patna High Court *vide* Notification, dated 14-11-1983.

9. Justice P. D. Desai, Judge of the Gujarat High Court transferred as Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court *vide* Notification, dated 9-12-1983.

10. Justice M. L. Shrimal, Judge of the Rajasthan High Court transferred as Chief Justice of the Sikkim High Court *vide* Notification, dated, 14-12-1983.

11. Justice M. N. Chandurkar, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court transferred as Chief Justice of the Madras High Court *vide* Notification, dated 7-1-1984.

12. Justice K. Madhava Reddy, Chief Justice Andhra Pradesh High Court transferred as Chief Justice, Bombay High Court *vide* Notification, dated 7-1-1984.

13. Justice P. R. Gokula Krishnan, Judge of the Madras High Court transferred as Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court *vide* Notification, dated 8-3-1985.

14. Dr. Justice T. N. Singh, Judge of the Gauhati High Court transferred as Judge, Madhya Pradesh High Court *vide* Notification, dated 2-5-1985.

15. Justice P. C. Reddy, Chief Justice, Andhra Pradesh High Court transferred as Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court *vide* Notification, dated 16-9-1985.

16. Justice K. Bhaskaran, Chief Justice, Kerala High Court transferred as Chief Justice, Andhra Pradesh High Court *vide* Notification, dated 16-9-1985.

17. Justice V. S. Malimath, Chief Justice, Karnataka High Court transferred as Chief Justice, Kerala High Court *vide* Notification, dated 16-9-1985.

Constitution of Committee on LPG

73. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI L. GANESAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee on LPG was constituted by Government, if so, the names of its members and when its report was submitted;

(b) what are its recommendations;

(c) whether it is a fact that this Committee has recommended that the petrol pump owners be appointed as stockists and distributors;

(d) whether Government have accepted this recommendation; if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is also a fact that unemployed youths who are being considered presently will be affected adversely if this recommendation is implemented; and

(f) whether in view of what has been stated above, will Government reject this proposal; if not, what are the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (f) A Committee was set up in November, 1984 to prepare a report on alternative models for the marketing and distribution of LPG with the following officials:

1. Shri V. Lobo, Director (SP)— Oil Coordination Committee. *Convenor*

2. Shri J. S. Oberoi, General Manager (NR)— Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. *Member*

3. Shri J. S. Kikkeri, General Manager (LPG)— Hindustan Petroleum Corpn.—*Member*

4. Shri K. S. Anirudsinhji, GM (Sales) Bharat Petroleum Corpn.—*Member*

The Committee submitted its report in June, 1985 and the recommendations of the Committee are under consideration of the Government.

Withdrawal of criminal cases pending against HPC and IOC officials

74. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Kerala State Government for withdrawal of criminal cases pending against officials of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Indian Oil Corporation in connection with adulterated kerosene oil supply resulting in fire accidents;

(b) whether Government took into consideration crime branch (CID) reports of Kerala before asking for the withdrawal of these criminal cases; if so, what were the comments thereon; and

(c) whether Government will allow justice to take its own course and see that negligent officials are not shielded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) In the light of the findings of the Technical Committee appointed by Government, it has been suggested to the Government of Kerala to withdraw the criminal cases registered against officials of the oil companies following the contaminated kerosene accidents early this year.

(b) Some points raised by the Crime Branch of the Kerala Police were taken into consideration by the Technical Committee while formulating its Report.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Production of Crude Oil

75. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of crude oil during the last two years and in 1985 so far and what is the percentage of increase;

(b) what steps are being taken to increase the production;

(c) what is the requirement and availability of crude oil in the country;